

# **PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT - BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**The regular meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners was held on Monday, April 27, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.**

**Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Commissioners Ann Polacek, Richard Jenks, Michael Kogut and Doug Lees**

**Members Absent:**

**Also in Attendance: Michael Kirkwood, General Manager; William Bernstein, General Counsel**

**Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.**

## **Minutes**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Public Comment**

**3. Committee Comments**

**4. Good and Welfare of the District**

**A. Docket No. 1725**

**Ms. LaPorte reviewed the customer shut off information. There were no standard customers terminated in the month of March. Pascoag Utility District sent out 404 disconnection notices for customers whose past due balances were more than \$200.00. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Kogut, seconded by Mr. Jenks. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

**B. Exxon Mobil Settlement**

**Mr. Kirkwood stated that there were 1.4 million dollars in the**

settlement account. \$29,000 has been paid out for various consultants for water exploration. \$18,000 has been paid out for debt issues such as tank refurbishment and AMR meters. The \$500,000 CD is up to \$506,000 with interest. The total amount in the settlement account is 1.9 million dollars. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Lees. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **C. Earth Day Poster Contest**

Ms. Round and Ms. Dolan attended the Earth Day Poster Contest award ceremony. 12 children's posters were picked from K-5th grade depicting recycling or electrical conservation topics and will be featured in the 2016 conservation calendar.

#### **D. Arborist Position**

Mr. Kirkwood said that our previous arborist has left and we are now advertising for the arborist position in the Bargain Buyer this week.

#### **E. New CSR**

Ms. Round stated that the District has hired a new CSR, Morgan Williams. She's working out really well and is a welcomed addition to the office.

#### **F. NEWWA Conference**

Mr. Kirkwood attended training on asset management using graphical information systems. This topic goes hand in hand with our new software system.

#### **G. Water Tank Update**

Mr. Kirkwood stated that back on March 28th he received a call from

**Mr. Lima who said there was a leak in the water tank. A 3 ft. ice sheet had formed at the top of the tank and ripped off the sampling tubes on the tank. The tank has been taking off line so it can be repaired. The tank has been welded shut for now so that the ice sheet could melt. Our insurance company has been notified of the damage and a contractor has been lined up to do the repairs.**

## **5. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular BUC Meeting- March 23, 2015**

**Mr. Jenks made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Kogut. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

## **6. Unfinished Business**

- 14-06 Electric AMR Meter Project**

**Mr. Kirkwood said the project is going really well and is going faster than anticipated. The District was hoping to get 10 meters installed per day and they've been averaging about 60 meters per day. Route 1 and Route 2 have been completed. Route 3 will begin tomorrow. The meter project will allow us to get the reads by radio and will help reduce estimations in the winter. The meter project also brought to light a customer who had been stealing electricity by jumping the meter. The District was able to go back three years to collect payment for the stolen electricity.**

- 15-06 Update on Retail Competition Exemption**

**Mr. Kirkwood stated that the House version of the bill (H5923) has come up for discussion in the Corporation Committee and he attended the hearing. The Committee was very complimentary to Pascoag Utility District. The bill should be coming up for vote in the**

next few weeks. The Senate side hasn't come out yet.

## **7. New Business**

### **• 15-08 Water Exploration**

Mr. Kirkwood stated that both preliminary water exploration applications have been filed. Mr. Ferrari, our consultant has put the application package together. Harrisville Water Department has been notified just to keep them apprised of the situation.

## **8. Financial Reports**

### **A. Electric Department- February 2015**

### **B. Water Department- February 2015**

For February the Electric Department's total assets were \$5,629,893.00 and the retained earnings were \$4,383,609.00. The total liabilities were \$1,246,284.00, for the total retained earnings and liabilities of \$5,629,893.00.

The Water Department's total assets were \$5,764,272.00 and the retained earnings were \$4,625,270.00. The total liabilities were \$1,039,003.00, for the total retained earnings and liabilities of \$5,764,272.00.

Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Kogut. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Kogut. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

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**Michael Kogut, Secretary**  
**Board of Utility Commissioners**

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**Desarae Dolan, Recording Secretary**